

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A profit sharing system for an agency service, comprising:
a storage module storing amounts of share target money to be shared to a plurality of service providers each providing one or more services, the services offered through the service provider's content delivery interface and the agency service, the share target money extracted from profits of an agency service provider providing an agency service through which the plurality of service providers provide the services to users and the profits obtained by operating for a predetermined period the agency service for providing the users with the plurality of services provided from the plurality of service providers; and
a calculation module calculating an amount of shared money allocated to each of the plurality of service providers from the amount of share target money stored in the storage module based upon a frequency of providing the users with each service of each of the plurality of service providers during the predetermined period, ~~and~~
~~wherein the plurality of services is provided with the user through a user interface common to the plurality of service providers.~~

2. (original) A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein said calculation module includes:
a providing count storage module storing a providing count of each service during the predetermined period; and
a shared money calculation module calculating a frequency of providing each service by dividing a counted providing count of each service by a total sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share target money.

3. (original) A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the predetermined period that are collected from the users on the basis of one single contract.

4. (original) A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein the amount of share target money is an amount obtained by subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the profits.

5. (original) A profit sharing system according to claim 1, further comprising a request module requesting a financial institution to pay the shared money to each provider.

6. (original) A profit sharing system according to claim 2, further comprising:
a database stored with a plurality of contents provided by the plurality of providers; and
a content providing module obtaining a content corresponding to a request of the user as the service from said database and providing the user with this content, and storing a providing count of each content in said providing count storage module.

7. (original) A profit sharing system according to claim 6, wherein the content is a dictionary content, and
said content providing module provides the user with a list of dictionary contents corresponding to a search key received from the user, and provides the user with the dictionary content selected from this list by the user.

8. (currently amended) A profit sharing method for an agency service that is performed by a computer, the method comprising:
storing amounts of share target money to be shared to a plurality of service providers each providing one or more services, the services offered through the service provider's content delivery interface and the agency service, the share target money extracted from profits of an agency service provider providing an agency service through which the plurality of service providers provide the services to users and the profits obtained by operating for a predetermined period the agency service for providing the users with the plurality of services provided from the plurality of service providers; and
calculating an amount of shared money allocated to each of the plurality of service providers from the stored amount of share target money based upon a frequency of providing

the users with each service of each of the plurality of service providers during the predetermined period, and

~~wherein the plurality of services is provided with the user through a user interface common to the plurality of service providers.~~

9. (original) A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein said calculating the amount of shared money includes:

storing a providing count of each service during the predetermined period; and

calculating a frequency of providing each service by dividing a counted providing count of each service by a total sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share target money.

10. (original) A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the predetermined period that are collected from the users on the basis of one single contract.

11. (original) A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein the amount of share target money is an amount obtained by subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the profits.

12. (original) A profit sharing method according to claim 8, further comprising requesting a financial institution to pay the shared money to each provider.

13. (original) A profit sharing method according to claim 2, further comprising obtaining a content corresponding to a request of the user as the service from a database stored with a plurality of contents provided by the plurality of providers, and providing the user with this content and storing a providing count of each content.

14. (original) A profit sharing method according to claim 13, wherein the content is a dictionary content, and

said providing the user with the content includes:

providing the user with a list of dictionary contents corresponding to a search key received from the user, and providing the user with the dictionary content selected from this list by the user.

15. (currently amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform the method comprising:

storing amounts of share target money to be shared to a plurality of service providers each providing one or more services, the services offered through the service provider's content delivery interface and the agency service, the share target money extracted from profits of an agency service provider providing an agency service through which the plurality of service providers provide the services to users and the profits obtained by operating for a predetermined period the agency service for providing the users with the plurality of services provided from the plurality of service providers; and

calculating an amount of shared money allocated to each of the plurality of service providers from the stored amount of share target money based upon a frequency of providing the users with each service of each of the plurality of service provider during the predetermined period, and

~~wherein the plurality of services is provided with the user through a user interface common to the plurality of service providers.~~

16. (previously presented) A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein said calculating the amount of shared money includes:

storing a providing count of each service during the predetermined period; and

calculating a frequency of providing each service by dividing a counted providing count of each service by a total sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share target money.

17. (original) A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the predetermined period that are collected from the users on the basis of one single contract.

18. (original) A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein the amount of share target money is an amount obtained by subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the profits.

19. (original) A storage medium according to claim 15, said program further comprising a step of requesting a financial institution to pay the shared money to each provider.

20. (previously presented) A storage medium according to claim 16, said program further comprising obtaining a content corresponding to a request of the user as the service from a database stored with a plurality of contents provided by the plurality of providers, and a step of providing the user with this content and storing a providing count of each content.

21. (previously presented) A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the content is a dictionary content, and

said content providing includes:

providing the user with a list of dictionary contents corresponding to a search key received from the user, and providing the user with the dictionary content selected from this list by the user.

22. (original) A profit sharing system according to claim 6, wherein said content providing module provides a setting screen for the user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

23. (previously presented) A profit sharing method according to claim 13, wherein said content providing includes providing a setting screen for the user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

24. (previously presented) A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein said content providing includes providing a setting screen for the user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

25. (currently amended) A profit sharing system for an agency service, comprising:
a providing module providing an agency service for an agency service provider to provide a user with a requested service from among one or more services provided by a plurality of

service providers that provide the one or more services via the agency service provider, each service provider of the plurality of service providers also providing services through the service provider's content deliver interface; and

a calculation module calculating an amount of shared money shared to each service provider based upon a frequency of providing the user with each service of each of the plurality of service providers, wherein the shared money of each service provider is extracted from profits of the agency service provider obtained by providing the agency service,

~~wherein the plurality of services is provided with the user through a user interface common to the plurality of service providers.~~

26. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a programmed computer processor to control the apparatus according to a process comprising:

providing an agency service for an agency service provider to provide a user with a requested service from among one or more services provided from a plurality of service providers that provide the one or more services via the agency service provider, each service provider of the plurality of service providers also providing services through the service provider's content deliver interface;

storing a count of providing the requested service to the user; and

calculating an amount of shared money shared to each service provider, based upon a providing frequency of each requested service that is obtained from the providing count of each requested service and a total sum of service providing counts, wherein the shared money of each service provider is extracted from profits of the agency service provider obtained by providing the agency service, ~~and~~

~~wherein the plurality of services is provided with the user through a user interface common to the plurality of service providers.~~

27. (currently amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a process comprising:

providing an agency service for an agency service provider to provide a user with a requested service from among one or more services provided from a plurality of service providers that provide the one or more services via the agency service provider, each service

provider of the plurality of service providers also providing services through the service provider's content deliver interface;

storing a providing count of providing the requested service to the user; and

calculating an amount of shared money shared to each service provider, based upon a providing frequency of each requested service that is obtained from the providing count of each requested service and a total sum of service providing counts, wherein the shared money of each service provider is extracted from profits of the agency service provider obtained by providing the agency service, and

~~wherein the plurality of services is provided with the user through a user interface common to the plurality of service providers.~~

28. (currently amended) A method of sharing profits for an agency service, comprising:

providing an agency service to provide a user through a common user interface with a plurality of services provided by a plurality of service providers that provide services via an agency service provider, each service provider of the plurality of service providers also providing services through the service provider's content deliver interface; and

calculating an amount of shared money for each service provider extracted from the profit of the agency service provider, shared among each service provider based upon a frequency of providing the user with each service of each of the plurality of service providers.

29. (new) A profit sharing system for an agency service, comprising:

a providing module to provide an agency service for users thereof, wherein the agency service is a service to provide at least one of services that are provided from a plurality of service providers in response to a request from each of the users, the agency service is provided for each of the uses subject to payment of an agency service usage fee that is a fixed fee not related to providing counts of the services;

a storage module storing amounts of share target money, which should be shared to the plurality of service providers, wherein the share target money is extracted from a total of agency service usage fees during the predetermined period that are collected from the uses;

a providing count storage module storing a providing count of each of the services during the predetermined period; and

a calculation module, after the predetermined period, to execute a process for calculating an amount of the shared money to be paid to each of the service providers, wherein the process

includes:

- reading providing counts of each of the services from the providing count storage module;

- calculating, as a total of service providing counts, a total of the providing counts of each of the services;

- calculating a providing frequency of each of the services by dividing the total of service providing counts by each of the providing counts of each of the services respectively;

- reading the amounts of the shared target money; and

- calculating the amount of the shared money of each of the service providers by multiplying the amounts of the shared target money by each of the providing frequencies.